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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EMIN, CG, AO

SUBJ: THE "MISSING" MANGANESE FROM KISENGE

REF: STATE 117281

1. CONCERNING POSSIBILITY THAT INVADERS HAVE TAKEN MANGANESE FROM KISENGE INTO ANGOLA, CONSULATE HEARD SEVERAL UNCONFIRMED REPORTS TO THAT EFFECT IN APRIL. ON MAY 3, WE WERE TOLD BY SECOND-HAND SOURCE THAT FAZA PILOT WHO HAD RECENTLY OVERFLOWN DILOLO HAD SEEN 5 WAGONS FILLED WITH MANGANESE ORE.

2. NEVERTHELESS, IT IS VERY UNLIKELY INVADERS COULD HAVE TAKEN OUT LARGE AMOUNT OF MANGANESE FROM KISENGE. BEFORE SHABA WAR BEGAN, SMK OPTIMISTICALLY PLANNED TO LOAD 30 RR WAGONS PER DAY IF AND WHEN BENGUELA RR REOPENED, WHICH WOULD HAVE MEANT MAXIMUM EXPORT OF 1200 TONS PER DAY OR 36,000 TONS PER MONTH. THUS, SMK OFFICIALS THEORIZE, EVEN IF LOADERS, WHICH IN POOR CONDITION, AND RR FUNCTIONED LIKE CLOCKWORK, ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM OF 90,000 TO 100,000 TONS, OUT OF STOCKPILE OF 550,000 TONS, COULD HAVE BEEN REMOVED. SMK SKEPTICAL ANYTHING LIKE THIS AMOUNT IN FACT HAS BEEN REMOVED, THOUGH SMK DOES NOT HAVE DEFINITE INFORMATION.

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3. INFO PARA 2 OBTAINED IN INFORMAL, THEORETICAL DISCUSSION OF KISENGE SITUATION. NO MENTION MADE OF APPROACH BY "KATANGAN" REPRESENTATIVE TO TEMPELSMAN.  
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